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SUBJECT: PANAMA REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 26, 1974

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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASED TO NOTE THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS HAS TAKEN FIRST STEPS TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS COMMITMENT TO TALK TO SQUATTERS AND THAT PRC HAS DECIDED TO MOVE AHEAD APPOINTING A TEAM TO WORK WITH NATIONAL GUARD ON THE PROBLEM. IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE MOMENTUM AMBASSADOR MIGHT TAKE OCCASION TO COMMUNICATE TO GOP THAT MEMBERS U.S. TEAM NOW DESIGNATED AND READY TO MEET WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS.

2. REGARDING PREPARATION AND COORDINATION PANAMA CONTINGENCY PLAN, PAN SENT AMB. SAYRE LETTER ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1973, REQUESTING THAT EMBASSY STAFF IN CONSULTATION WITH U.S. AGENCIES IN PANAMA PREPARE BASIC DRAFT FOR SUBSEQUENT INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. WE DO NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT EMBASSY COORDINATED WITH PAN CANAL AND SOUTHCOM IN PREPARATION OF DRAFT BUT UNDERSTOOD INFORMALLY IT ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS - SIMILAR TO THOSE WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN WASHINGTON - IN OBTAINING ACCESS TO EXISTING SOUTHCOM PLAN. FINAL DRAFT SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY IN DECEMBER

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HIGHLIGHTED QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR'S ROLE IN CRISIS MANAGE-

MENT AND WE ARE UNAWARE WHETHER IT WAS CLEARED WITH SOUTHCOM OR PAN CANAL. AFTER DEFENSE RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO PROVIDE SUMMARY OF SOUTHCOM CONTINGENCY PLAN, IG/ARA SCHEDULED FIRST INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR JUNE 26. AFTER DRAFT CIRCULATED, DOD/ISA REQUESTED, AND PAN READILY AGREED, TO POSTPONEMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SOUTHCOM AND PAN CANAL WITH OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON DRAFT PLAN PRIOR TO FIRST INTER-AGENCY MEETING, WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10.

3. DEPUTY NEGOTIATORS APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION CORRECTING GOVERNOR'S IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD NOT NOTICED DEGREE OF PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN CZG/PCC ALREADY TAKING PLACE AT HIGH LEVEL. SINCE OBJECT OF VISIT WAS TO LOOK FOR AREAS OF INCREASED PARTICIPATION, EMPHASIS NATURALLY PLACED THERE RATHER THAN ON STATUS QUO. NEGOTIATOR'S TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING NOW TAKING PLACE ON CONTADORA MAKES POINT OF PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED. SISCO

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